

REMARKS

Upon entry of the aforementioned amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-16 will be pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims are allowable.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 3 and 17 are rejected as being anticipated by Mugiya (US 5,841,942). Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection is moot because claims 3 and 17 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants await allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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